

a plate-shaped contact protrusion formed at one side of said male terminal fitting for mating with a female terminal fitting; and

a conductor clamping portion located at the other side of said male terminal fitting for clamping a conductor of an electric wire;

wherein said plate-shaped contact protrusion includes a base plate component longitudinally extending from said conductor clamping portion in an elongated plate shape, a first overlapping fold plate component laterally extending from one side of said base plate component and folded in one direction toward the other end of said base plate component to overlap with said base plate component, and a second overlapping fold plate component which extends from the other end of said base plate component and which is folded back in another direction opposed to said one direction to overlap with said base plate component;

wherein said base plate component serves as a flatness securing plate component to ensure flatness conditions of said first and second overlapping fold plate components; and

wherein said base plate component and said first and second overlapping fold plate components are formed into a substantially S-shape shape in cross section.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, amend the second full paragraph to read as follows:

Various attempts have heretofore been undertaken to develop a male terminal fitting of the type having a plate-shaped contact protrusion as disclosed in Figs. 1 and 2. In such a male terminal fitting, the plate-shaped contact segment 1 is fabricated first by stamping a conductive thin metal sheet in a developed stage and subsequently bending the thin metal sheet into a final product. In particular, the plate-shaped contact protrusion 1 is comprised of an elongated base plate component 2, and an overlapping fold plate component laterally extending from one end of the base plate component and folded to lie over the base plate component 2.

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